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The Association of Professional and Analytical Researchers

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EXAMPLES OF AREAS OF EXPERTISE:	*(PLEASE BE SPECIFIC)*
Attorney (specific area)	Languages
Audio/sound	Media
Ballistics	Military
Computer applications	Physician (specific area)
Criminal Investigation	Physics
Engineering	Photography/film
Forensic Science	Political science
History	Private Investigation
Image analysis	Research
Intelligence	Video
	Writing

EXAMPLES OF COMMITTEES	SUBCOMMITTEES
Lee Harvey Oswald	Intelligence connections Cuban connections Mexico City Military career USSR New Orleans Family/friends
Jack Ruby	Organized crime connections Conspiracy connections Connection to Oswald
Medical/forensic	Autopsy photos and Xrays JFK body alteration Single bullet theory - CE399 Head shot Other shots
Means, Motives & Opportunities	CIA Military FBI Cubans Organized crime Oswald Right wing Left wing
Scientific/investigative techniques	Acoustic Photographic/video Physics Computers Eyewitness evaluation
Theories & speculation	Umbrella man Badge man Conspirators in Dealey Plaza Unexplained deaths

Association of Professional and Analytical Researchers

Membership Application

(Part 1)

Personal:

Name_____ Home ( )_____ FAX _____

Address_____ Business ( )_____

_____ Occupation_____

_____ Employer_____

Areas of expertise (see accompanying list for examples):

1)_____ 6)_____

2)_____ 7)_____

3)_____ 8)_____

4)_____ 9)_____

5)_____ 10)_____

Subcommittee interests in order of preference (see accompanying list):

1)_____ 6)_____

2)_____ 7)_____

3)_____ 8)_____

4)_____ 9)_____

5)_____ 10)_____

Suggestions for committees/subcommittees:

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Are you interested in serving as a:

Committee chairperson?	Yes	No
Committe board member?	Yes	No
Subcommittee chairperson?	Yes	No
Subcommittee draftsperson?	Yes	No
Subcommittee editor?	Yes	No

Please include $1.21 in stamps for part 2 of the membership application.

Return completed application to:

Mark S. Zaid, Esq., Executive Director & Counsel
Association of Professional & Analytical Researchers
PO Box 6058
Albany, NY 12206

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SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is the name of the new organization?

The newest organization that will maintain a specific focus on the assassination of President Kennedy has been named the Association of Professional & Analytical Researchers.

Does the name hold any significance?

The name is designed to stress to the outside community that the members of this organization are completely devoted to maintaining a high level of professionalism with respect to any aspect of the assassination of President Kennedy. Professional indicates, in part, that some of our members are involved with research as their livelihood, whether perhaps as authors, investigators or professors. Analytical is used because our members will make every effort to seriously evaluate and scrutinize the available evidence.

Is the APAR a conspiratorialist organization?

No. Our members will hold a wide range of theories and everyone is welcome to participate. One main reason behind the formation of this Association is to bring the research community together and explore the known facts from all vantage points. No one theory will be held by the association, rather the members will review each and every theory and attempt to distinguish fact from fiction. Only evidence that can be substantiated in some way, whether it might actually be true or not, will become the focus of the Association.

But is the Association then going to determine whose theories are right or wrong?

Not exactly. Our founders maintain the viewpoint that the research community needs to refocus their efforts and redefine their goals. To do so will require placing aside some researcher's ideas because a particular theory might not be able to be supported by any evidence whatsoever. While perhaps this theory might be correct, if we can not demonstrate any evidence of that fact we are distracting ourselves from contributing to the community, at least at this time. If new evidence develops the Association will gladly reconsider any theory.

What exactly are the organization's purposes?

There are several. Foremost, we hope to bring together researchers from all over the world who are dedicated to applying a strict standard to the evaluation of evidence. This will be accomplished by our annual conference and our research publications. Second, we will strive to ensure that documents released through "The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act" will be thoroughly examined by qualified experts in the field. Our newsletter will keep track of all releases. Finally, we intend to serve as a clearinghouse for Freedom of Information/Privacy Act requests pertaining to the assassination of President Kennedy.

How will members contribute?

Each member will be required to fill out an initial application form to determine their expertise or significant interest in an area. Based upon this information and additional requirements that will develop later, each person will then be assigned to a specific subcommittee that will be investigating a particular aspect of the assassination. Upon completing their research the subcommittee will prepare a written report on their findings. This draft will then be incorporated into larger reports until one final publication will be released, approximately one year to eighteen months later, to the research community.

When and where is this conference to be held?

The research conference is scheduled to be held in Albany, New York on August 27-29, 1993. Albany was chosen because of its accessibility and low costs.

What will occur at the conference?

We are planning to hold a debate between conspiracists and non-conspiracists the first night of the conference which will feature a questioning panel of media personalities. The rest of the weekend will be devoted to planning the goals and strategies of the organization. Members will have preregistered and been given their assigned areas beforehand. Unlike other conferences, there will be no formal panels at this one. The objective is for researchers, authors, historians, etc., to interact among each other and work together to understand what occurred November 22, 1963. There is a strong possibility that workshops on research techniques and specific topics of the assassination will be held if the demand exists.

Will I have to attend the conference to be a part of the organization?

Not at all. Although it would certainly help if you were able to attend the conference we recognize that researchers span the globe and both time and finances restrict many from attending these events. However, in this age of technology which includes fax machines, overnight mail and countless computer networks, we feel that no matter where you are located you can become a working contributor to the organization.

What will some of the costs be?

Very reasonable. Another important consideration in the formation of this organization was the cost factor. Although nothing has been finalized we project that membership in the Association will cost approximately $25-$30 per year. This will primarily be used to cover the costs of mailings and other incidentals necessary to continue the work of the organization. A conference registration fee of about $60 will be charged to defray the costs of the conference (this payment will also be applied to your membership dues). Finally, hotel room rates will run approximately $60 each night and USAIR has agreed to provide a 5% discount on airfare for our attendees. Albany is also readily accessible by Amtrak and Greyhound.

There are already several assassination-related organizations, will APAR be in competition with them?

Not in the slightest. In fact, many of our Board members are involved with the AARC, AIC or COA as well. APAR was formed to fill certain voids that have existed throughout the years within the research community. It will not attempt to take the place of any other group but will instead work alongside of each in order to achieve our common goals. APAR's members will become active participants in furthering the investigation into President Kennedy's assassination, not just recipients of a newsletter.

How can I find out more information or offer my suggestions?

We invite everyone to become involved with this new organization but be warned work will be involved with your membership. Since we are still in the planning stages, we welcome any and all suggestions from the research community. If you wish to indicate your interest please fill out part one of our membership application form. Include $1.21 in stamps so that part two can be sent to you at a later date. Part two will discuss the rules and procedures of APAR. Certain commitments will need to be adhered to by applicants in order to formally become a member of the Association. Address any inquiries or comments to our Executive Director and Counsel, Mark S. Zaid, by writing to the Association of Professional & Analytical Researchers, P.O. Box 6058, Albany, New York 12206.